

Thus, it is Applicants' position that the amended claims are patentable over the art of record. In addition, claims 11 and 15 have been rewritten in independent form. Claims 23 and 24 have been amended to recite subject matter that the Examiner has indicated would be allowable in previous claims 19 and 11 respectively. Therefore, Applicants submit that the present claims are patentable over the art of record.

CONCLUSION


In view of the foregoing, Applicant's submit that claims 1-18 and 20-24 are in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request early notification of such allowance. Should any issues remain unresolved, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned to attempt to resolve any such issues.

If any fees are due in conjunction with the filing of this Amendment and Response, Applicants authorize deduction of that fee from Deposit Account 06-0308.

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